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RESTRICTION AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Notices of Non-Compliance mailed February 6, 2004 and December 18, 2003, and the Office Action mailed November 4, 2003, Applicant elects with traverse the Group II claims, 23 and 26. Applicant submits that the Group 1 claims 21, 22, 24, and 25 are sufficiently related to the Group II claims 23 and 26. Accordingly, examination of the Group I and Group II in the same application would not be an undue burden.